



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, September 15, 2024

Office hours: Mon / Wed / Fri 9:00am-3:00pm.

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Lifting Others Up: A Call to Action

In our Christian journey, one of the most profound ways we can reflect God's love is by lifting others up. This principle is not just a nice idea; it is a core commandment that aligns with Jesus' teachings. When we encourage, support, and elevate those around us, we embody the heart of Christ.

Lifting others up is more than a simple act of kindness; it is a transformative practice that can change lives, including our own. Each of us has experienced moments when a kind word or gesture made a significant difference. By intentionally choosing to uplift others, we create a ripple effect of positivity and encouragement that can spread throughout our communities.

Why Lift Others Up? Lifting others up serves multiple purposes:

- **Reflects God's Love:** It demonstrates compassion and kindness, mirroring God's grace in our lives.
- **Builds Community:** Encouragement strengthens relationships and fosters a sense of belonging.
- **Fulfills Christ's Command:** Jesus calls us to love our neighbors, and uplifting others is a tangible expression of that love.

How Can We Lift Others Up?

1. **Pray for Them:** Regularly lift others in prayer, asking God to bless and guide them.
2. **Offer Encouragement:** Use kind words to affirm and uplift those around you.
3. **Serve Actively:** Look for practical ways to help others, easing their burdens.
4. **Listen Attentively:** Show genuine interest in others' thoughts and feelings.
5. **Share Scripture:** Offer biblical encouragement to uplift others spiritually.

The Impact of Uplifting Others

When we commit to lifting others up, we not only reflect Christ's character but also create a more supportive community. As Jesus said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32). Let us be vessels of His love, drawing others closer to Him by lifting them up in our daily lives.

Domingo Reyes

Praise and Prayer Requests

Patty Conway: Reyes Family, Stevens Family and Richard.

Bev Abosch: son Kyle has an orbital fracture and concussion, pray for healing.

Cathy Servas: pray for world peace.

Stanley Bernard : pray for my family and I especially with my job.

Barbara Wallace: Wallace family members and Betty Rosh.

Elisha Wall: priorities and wisdom.

Chrissi Steiner: children's church this fall and children's ministries at Greenbank.

Ron Cox: continue to keep Liz in prayer.

Dawn Dorrell: recovering from rt shoulder replacement and hand surgery.

Anna DeCunha: friend's mother Naomi having health problems, coworker Daphne lost her sister.

Sick and Shut In: pray for all members who are battling cancer, covid and other serious medical issues and those who are unable to attend due to illness or limited mobility.

Greenbank church: Pray for godly wisdom and guidance for our elders, minister, deacons, and ministry leaders.

Greenbank missions: Eduar Morales (Oxford, PA), Chad Westerholm (Mozambique), Edmund Borfay (Liberia), Samuel Agbeta (Ghana), Camp Manatawny, Reflect Campus Missions/BHC.

If you have an item for prayer or praise, please email it to office@greenbankcoc.org for inclusion in our weekly list. To view previous prayer requests and those on our ongoing lists, please visit the [Weekly Bulletins](http://www.greenbankcoc.org) page on our website www.greenbankcoc.org.

Announcements and Events

Membership Roles

The Membership Policy and Statement of Faith outline how we collectively serve and honor the Lord as a church. To properly reflect our membership, we are asking you to help us update our records by identifying your membership role and updating your family information sheet (if needed). Each family please take a copy of the Membership Policy and Statement of Faith located on the desk at the Welcome Center to review. Additional instructions will follow in the coming weeks.

Digital Picture Boards

We are excited to announce that digital picture boards will soon replace the current photos in the church foyer. You can keep your current photo, submit a new one, or have your photo taken. If you'd like to submit a photo, please send it to office@greenbankcoc.org. More information on photo retakes coming soon.

GriefShare Program

The GriefShare program is a safe, comforting place to talk with others about your grief. Sessions start September 16. For more information contact Fern Davis at fpellman2@comcast.net or visit griefshare.org. Informational brochures are located at the Welcome Center.

Children's Church Ministry Information Session

The Children's Church Ministry team will be holding an Information Session after service on September 22nd. Parents who have children that attend, teens that assist and adults wanting to learn how they can help should attend this hour-long session. Pizza will be provided.

Back to School Fellowship Skating Party

We have reserved the Christiana Skating Rink on September 23 from 6:30-8:30 pm for a Back-to-School Fellowship event. All ages are welcome. Please invite your family and friends for a free night of fun and fellowship. Contact Shelley Irwin with questions.

Sunday Meeting Times

In-Person Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m. – including a Spanish-speakers class for adults.

In-Person Worship Services @ 10:30 a.m. – English & Spanish

The English service is livestreamed with 3 ways to connect:

- 1) Facebook Live:** <http://www.facebook.com/greenbankchurchofchrist>
- 2) Greenbank Website:** www.greenbankcoc.org Click on the Facebook Live tab on the menu bar at the top of the page. You will need to log in to Facebook to join the live feed.
- 3) Zoom:** Meeting ID: 862 5363 5838 Passcode: 123456; Phone In: (301) 715-8592

Bible Studies

English Mid-Week – Wednesdays @ 7pm – hybrid class (in person & online) on Facebook Live or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09>

Spanish Mid-Week – Thursdays @ 6:30pm at Greenbank. Contact Arturo Gallegos for more information.

Men – 3rd Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank led by Mark Ray.

Youth – Thursdays @6:30pm at Greenbank – led by Eileen Hence

SMALL GROUPS

Bear/Glasgow – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson.

North Wilmington – 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 2pm – hosted by Chrissi Steiner.

Teens – 1st Friday each month @ 7pm in the chapel; led by Domingo Reyes.

3 Ways to Give

- 1) In Person:** Place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed during our service.
- 2) By Mail:** Send your contribution to 511 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE 19808.
- 3) Online:** PayPal has been set up on our website www.greenbankcoc.org. Click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week: Attendance: 141 Contribution: \$5,438 Weekly Average: \$5,330 Weekly Budget: \$5,435